Annual Report of the First Assistant Postmaster General Perry S. Heath.

AN INCREASE IN POSTAL RECEIPTS.

Rural Free Delivery in Successful Operation, Over 383 Services in Forty States.

The Adoption of a Uniform Style of Mail Box for the 'ervice to Be Pat Up and Kept in Repair By the Department U.ged.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6 .- A vigorous plea for rural free delivery is made in the annual report of First Assistant Postmaster General Percy S. Heath, made public Sunday night.

Mr. Heath says the service so far has resulted in increased postal receipts; enhancement of the value of farm lands reached by rural free delivery of from \$2 to \$3 per acre; a general improvement of the condition of the roads traversed by the rural carriers; better prices for farm products, the producers being brought into daily touch with the state of the markets. besides educational benefits conferred by relieving the monotony of farm life through ready access to wholesome literature and knowledged of current events.

On November I rural free delivery was in successful operation over 38 services, radiating over 40 states and one territory, Idaho, Wyoming, Mississippi and Montana being the only states unrepresented.

Between the beginning of the new fiscal year, July 1, 1899, and November 1, an additional expenditure of \$150,000 rural free delivery has been ex ended to nearly 180,000 persons, at an annual cost of about 84 cents per ca-ita agains an average per capita cost of \$2.80 in small towns of 5,000 population.

"It is a small matter to a resident of a town," says the report, "to be saved a walk of a few hundred vards to the postoffice, while on the contrary it is a great accommodation to the farmer to be spared a drive of five or ten miles over cordurous roads to get his mail. In a recent public discussion advocate. of the system who took the value o the time thus lost in the busy farming season at only 50 cents per head founthat their figures run up into many millions of dollars lost to the agricul tural interests through being oblige. to send to the village for the mails. Rural carriers are shortly to be authorized to receive and receipt for letters for registration as city carriers de-

The report recommends the adoption of some uniform style of mail box for the rural free delivery service, with two compartments, one for delivery and one for collection, with one master key for the carrier to open the collection compartments of all the boxes and a key for the delivery compartment to be furnished to each patron of the delivery.

These boxes are to be put up and kept in repair by the post office department, for rental at moderate prices, which would not only pay the government interest on its investment but yield a revenue. The rural mail boxes would thus have thrown around them the undisputed protection of the United States laws. By illustration it is shown that the rural delivery at Westchester, Pa., not only paid for itself but left in the nine months of its operation up to September 30, a balance of \$593, after delivering 155,805 pieces of mail matter at the doors of the farmers. The reports of hostilities of postmasters and from star route contractors are dismissed as having no substantial grounds and as animated by no desire for the public good. A modification of the postal laws is recommended to permit star route messengers under special appointment and oath to perform rural free delivery service. Four additional postal wagon routes with auxiliary carriers in the traveling rural post office whose experimental operation in Carroll county, Maryland, has attracted general interest, is recommended.

LYDDITE SHELLS.

A Single Projectile Failing Into a Compact Body of an Enemy Will Kill Three Hundred Men.

LONDON, Nov. 6 .- Transports have just been secured for the Woolwich howitzer brigade, which will be hurried to the cape. The brigade has 10,000 rounds of 5-inch lyddite shells awaiting it. According to the estimates a single shell, falling into a compact body, will kill 300 men. It was demonstrated in the battle of Omdurman which destroyed the army of Khalifa Abdullah, that large numbers of Dervishes were killed by suffocation, while hundreds of vultures and eagles fell upon the battlefield from the same cause.

Arrested for Alleged Sheep-Stealing. GREAT FALLS, Mont., Nov. 6 .- Something of a sensation has been caused by the arrest in Caeteau county of State Senator Phillips and Deputy Sheriff Green on the charge of sheep stealing. At the preliminary examination both men were held in \$2,000 bonds.

IMPORTANT EXPEDITION.

Fieet of Gunboats and Transports Leave Manila, Their Destination supposed to Be Some Northern Port.

MANILA, Nov. 6 .- Sunday evening a fleet of transports and gunboats left Manila for the most important expedition of the autumn campaign. Its destination is supposed to be Bagupan or some other northern port. Gen. Wheaton commands, with a brigade consisting of 13th infantry, the 33d infantry, the guns of the 6th artillery and two Gatlings. The transports Sheridan, Francisco De Reyes and Actec carry the troops, with the gunboat Helena as escort.

A dispatch boat was sent ahead to arrange a rendesvouz with the United States cruiser Charleston and the other warships that are patrolling the north coast of Luzon.

The landing will be made under cover of the guns of the fleet. It is assumed here that the purpose of the expedition is to move down the Dagupan-Manila railroad toward Tarlac or to prevent Aguinaldo's forces making another base farther north. Dagupan and Apparri are the strongholds of the insurgents in the north and it is supposed the points where most of the filibustering parties land.

Since the beginning of the hostilities it has been the unanimous opinion of military experts here that Dagupan should be made a base of operations. but sufficient troops have heretofore been lacking. With Gens. Wheaton, MacArthur and Lawton moving upon Tarlac from three directions, and the mountains hemming in the other side, the insurgent capital will soon become untenable.

Aguinaldo may attempt to shift his headquarters to the rich tobacco country at the northern end of the island. Possibly he may slide around Gen. Lawton's front to the southern provinces; but, as MacArthur's and Lawton's troops are spread across the country from Angeles to Cabanatuan, it will be difficult for the insurgents

Should the concerted operations succeed, organized insurrection on a large scale should be at an end early next spring, although guerilla warfare is likely to continue for a long time. No one anticipates that the insurgents will make many hard battles. The problem is to move the troops about the country to maintain transportation and to hold the territory gained.

FIRED ON THE HOUSES.

A Body of Negroes at Mine No 61, Macon, Mo., Break Out of the Stockade and Do Considerable Damage.

MACON, Mo., Nov. 6 .- In spite of the vigilance of Superintendent Vail, a body of Negroes got out of the stockade at mine No. 61 Suuday and again started toward town. On arriving near mine No. 7 they stationed themselves in a railroad cut and began firing into houses over the hill. David Gamble's residence was riddled with bullets and the family had to lay flat on the floor to escape the fusilade. O. L. Trollard's house was also attacked in similar manner and several others had to evacuate their homes. Sheriff Clena came home Saturday night, and the Negroes took advantage of his absence to resume their outrages. He returned to Bevier Sunday and immediately went to Mine No. 61 and will endeavor to locate the guilty parties and arrest them. Several persons came to Macon Sunday in quest of rifles and ammunition. A show of force is necessary before the Negroes will consent to be disarmed. and peace is not expected u til this is achieved.

Hundredth Anniversity of Washington's Denth.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.-The George Washington Memorial association is endeavoring to procure a general observance of December 14, proximo, the 100th anniversary of Washington's death. Exercises will be held in many states under supervision of the chairmans of the association, but it is eminently fit that a special solemnity and importance should take place at the national capital, and the chief officers of the association are now actively at work-by means of correspondence and personal interviews with many public men-in shaping arrangements to that end.

Two Men Killed by a Train-

RACINE, Wis., Nov. 6 .- Peter Olsen, aged 25, and Chris Nelson, aged 51, were run down by a southbound passenger train on the Chicago & Northwestern railway Sunday. Nelson died 10 minutes after the accident and Olson expired Sunday afternoon. The men were returning from church and presumably did not hear the train coming. Both leave large families.

Cigarmakers Strike. TAMPA, Fla., Nov. 6.-The cigarmakers at the factories of Bustille Bros. and Diaz and El Modelo have struck. The workmen complain of the quality of material furnished and disagree with the management as to some prices on fine goods that were not adjusted when the big lockout of last summer ended.

Prominent Railway Man Dead.

CHICAGO, Nov. 6 .- M. E. Egan, jr., former superintendent of motor power on the Union Pacific, Denver & Gulf railway, died Sunday. He was 46 years Mr. Egan was in the employ of oid. the Union Pacific system for more than

General Belief is That is the Reason Ladysmith Has Not Been Attacked.

REPORTED SURRENDER OF GEN. WHITE.

Gen. Sir Redvers Buller Appears to Have Ordered a Retirement From Stormberg.

Third Class Cruiser Peterus Ordered From Gibraltar to Durban-The Fearless Goes to the Same Point From Port Said.

LISBON, Nov. 6 .- Persistent reports are in circu ation here that Gen. Sir George Stewart White, British commander in Natal, has capitulated to

LONDON, Nov. 6 .- The general belief in London is that the Boers are now waiting for more guns from Pretoria before attacking Ladysmith.

The fact that Sir Redvers Buller appears to have ordered a retirement from Stormberg, and perhaps from other places, relieves to some extent the public mind which otherwise would have been further alarmed. Confidence is felt in any measures that Gen. Buller may deem desirable. The knowledge that the pigeon post is working has also come as a relief to the great anxiety previously felt.

The third-class cruiser Pelorus has been ordered from Gibraltar to Durban, and the third-class cruiser Fearless from Port Said to the same point, Dispatches from Cape Town and other centers in Cape Colony indicate that the Cape Dutch are becoming very restless in consequence of Boer suc-

The Morning Post Ladysmith correspondent, telegraphing November 1. says: "We can not understand the Boer tactics. It is incomprehensible that they should have refrained from

using their big guns this morning." Commenting upon this dispatch the Morning Dispatch observes: "It is easy to guess the reason why the Boers have four of the men. been nonptussed by the arrival of the naval guns at Ladysmith. They are

VESSELS COLLIDE.

The Steamer Tallahassee Strikes a Four-Masted Schooner Off Long Branch -The Latter Disappears.

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.-The steamer Tallahassee, Capt. Askins, which left her dock at 6:45 p. m. Saturday night for Savannah, returned to her dock at midnight. Capt. Askins reports that when off Long Branch at 9:40 p. m. his steamer collided with the fourmasted schooner Senator Sullivan, which struck on the forward port bows, the jib boom going through the plates on the main deck in the forecastle. The bowsprit then struck the ship about 15 feet further aft and ten feet lower down, about five feet from the water line. Each hole is from four to six feet square. The steamer was stopped, and after investigating to see what in damages was sustained, circled around to find the schooner, but could see nothing of her. The Tailahassee then steamed back to her dock. The steamer was discharged Sunday and will go on dry dock Monday morning. She had but few passengers on board and they will probably sail Monday on the steamer City of Macon, of the same line.

The Senator Sullivan was towed here Sunday badly damaged. She lost her jibboon, bowsprit, cutwater, and had all her headgear carried away. She left Fernandina October 19 with lum-

ACCIDENT IN A MINE.

Four Men Killed and Two reriously In-Jure t by a Rush of Dirt in a Shaft Near Mahanoy Plane, Pa.

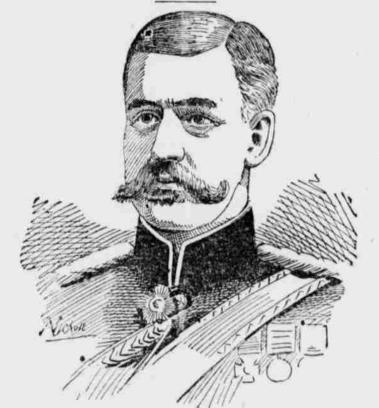
MAHANOY PLANE, Pa., Nov. 6 .- Four men were killed, two seriously injured and one had a narrow escape from death by a rush of dirt in the mine operated by Lawrence & Brown near here Sunday.

The men had been sent into a gangway to remove a large quantity of mine slush which had worked into the place through a breach which the company was filling with dirt through the colliery.

A half hour later there was a sudden rush of dirt from above, and before the men could escape hundreds of tons of dirt filled the gangway and covered

Two others who stood further away were hurled against the sides of heavy

GEN. SIR REDVERS BULLER.



COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE BRITISH FORCES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

now regretting a lost opportunity, as they might have cut the railway and thus prevented the appearance of those guns on the scene,"

The troop ship Rapidan, which sailed from Liverpool for South Africa on November 1, but was obliged to turn back owing to the damage received in Friday's storm, lost 200 horses overboard in the gale.

The Couer D'Aiene Miners' Trial ! Moscow, Ida., Nov. 6 .- The jury Sunday returned a verdiet of guilty in the case of ten, and not guilty in the case who have been on trial here in the United States court on a charge of ed. conspiracy and stopping a United States mail train at Wallace on April 29 last, the day on which the Bunker Hill and Sullivan mill was blown up at Wardner.

Deadlock in Samoan Negotiations.

LONDON, Nov. 6 .- The Berlin correspondent of the Standard says: "The Samoan negotiations have reached a deadlock. Germany does not consider that the Gilbert and Solomon islands would adequately compensate her for waiving the German claims. An agreement however, would easily be arranged if Great Britain would cede in addition her portions of New Guinea."

The Forty-second Volunteers.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Nov. 6.-Reports from Ogden say that the sections carrying the 42d volunteers passed through the city Sunday night on the way west. Only one soldier was injured in the wreck, and he was left in the hospital at Ogden.

No thange in Hobart's Condition.

s quiet at the Hobart residence. There idence condition.

Wolff was thrown on a small handcar, and the impetus of the onrushing dirt sent the car out of harm's way with Wo ff on it.

A gang of men was immediately set to work rescuing the men. Curry and Hansas were extricated but the other four unfortunates could not be reached. At a late hour Sunday night a gang of men was still at work digging at the culm in an effort to reach the smothered men.

The mine is probably the deepest in the region having a depth of 1,200 feet of three of the Couer D'Alene miners or four lifts. The accident occurred at the first lift which was badly wreck-

THE PERU REVOLUTION.

The Complete Defeat and Rout of the Insurgent Commander, Gan. Durand, at Huanuco.

LIMA, Peru, via Galveston, Nov 6 .-The government received official dispatches Sunday announcing the complete defeat and rout of the insurgent commander, Gen. Durand, at Huanuco, capital of the department of that name, 180 miles northeast of Lima. The insurgents lost many in killed and wounded, as well as a large quantity of arms and ammunition and many horses. The number of prisoners taken by the government force was large. Gen. Durand and his brothers

• Chicago Club Secures Dungan. DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 6 .- The Chicago league club has drafted Sam Dungan, of the Detroit club. Dungan led PATERSON, N. J., Nov. 6.-Everything the western league in hitting last season with a percentage of 347. It is is no change whatever in the vice pres- understood he will be played in the pince of Lang: who has quit the game.

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